

Amendment and Response

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3-8, and 11-16 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing an electronic document to a mobile computing device including a display, the method comprising the steps of:

translating a data file of the electronic document into a translated data file for the electronic document, including identifying a print format of the electronic document;

transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device; and

displaying the electronic document on the display of the mobile computing device, including converting the translated data file for the electronic document into display instructions for the electronic document and displaying the electronic document based on the display instructions in accordance with the print format.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying the print format of the electronic document includes identifying at least one of a page margin, a page layout, a paper orientation, and a paper size for the electronic document.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of translating the data file includes translating the data file of the electronic document into an exchange file format.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of translating the data file includes translating the data file of the electronic document into the translated data file for the electronic document via a printer driver.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of translating the data file includes translating the data file of the electronic document at a computer including the printer driver and having the data file of the electronic document stored therein.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein ~~the step of~~ transferring the translated data file includes transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device from the computer.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising ~~the step of~~: linking the mobile computing device and the computer via a communication link, wherein ~~the step of~~ transferring the translated data file includes transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device from the computer via the communication link.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ translating the data file includes translating the data file of the electronic document into print instructions for the electronic document and converting the print instructions into the translated data file for the electronic document.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein translating the data file of the electronic document into the print instructions includes translating the data file of the electronic document into the print instructions for the electronic document via a printer driver.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein translating the data file of the electronic document into the print instructions includes translating the data file of the electronic document into the print instructions for the electronic document at a computer including the printer driver and having the data file of the electronic document stored therein.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising ~~the step of~~: transferring the print instructions for the electronic document to a printer, wherein converting the print instructions into the translated data file includes converting the print instructions into the translated data file for the electronic document at the printer.

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12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein ~~the step of~~ transferring the translated data file includes transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device from the printer.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising ~~the step of~~: linking the mobile computing device and the printer via a communication link, wherein ~~the step of~~ transferring the translated data file includes transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device from the printer via the communication link.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~: identifying an address of the mobile computing device, wherein ~~the step of~~ transferring the translated data file includes transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the address of the mobile computing device.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ transferring the translated data file includes transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device via a computer associated with the mobile computing device.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~the step of~~ transferring the translated data file includes transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the computer, and further comprising ~~the step of~~:

synchronizing the mobile computing device with the computer, including transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device from the computer.

17. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of distributing an electronic document to a mobile computing device including a display, the method comprising:

translating a data file of the electronic document into a translated data file for the electronic document, including identifying a print format of the electronic document;

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transferring the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device; and

displaying the electronic document on the display of the mobile computing device, including converting the translated data file for the electronic document into display instructions for the electronic document and displaying the electronic document based on the display instructions in accordance with the print format.

18. (Original) A system for distributing an electronic document to a mobile computing device including a display, the system comprising:

a processor adapted to translate a data file of the electronic document into a translated data file for the electronic document; and

a communication link configured to link the processor and the mobile computing device,

wherein the translated data file includes a print format of the electronic document, wherein the processor is adapted to transfer the translated data file to the mobile computing device via the communication link, and wherein the mobile computing device is adapted to convert the translated data file into display instructions for the electronic document and the display of the mobile computing device is adapted to display the electronic document based on the display instructions in accordance with the print format.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the print format of the electronic document includes at least one of a page margin, a page layout, a paper orientation, and a paper size of the electronic document.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the translated data file of the electronic document includes an exchange file format.

21. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the processor is adapted to translate the data file of the electronic document into the translated data file for the electronic document via a printer driver.

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22. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the processor is part of a computer.
23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the communication link is configured to link the computer and the mobile computing device, and wherein the computer is adapted to transfer the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device via the communication link.
24. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the processor includes a first processor adapted to translate the data file of the electronic document into print instructions for the electronic document and a second processor adapted to convert the print instructions into the translated data file for the electronic document.
25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the first processor is adapted to translate the data file of the electronic document into the print instructions for the electronic document via a printer driver.
26. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the first processor is part of a computer and the second processor is part of a printer.
27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the communication link is configured to link the computer, the printer, and the mobile computing device, and wherein the computer is adapted to transfer the print instructions for the electronic document to the printer via the communication link and the printer is adapted to transfer the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device via the communication link.
28. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the mobile computing device has an address, and wherein the processor is adapted to transfer the translated data file to the address of the mobile computing device.
29. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the communication link is configured to link the processor and a computer associated with the mobile computing device, and wherein

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the processor is adapted to transfer the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device via the communication link and the computer associated with the mobile computing device.

30. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the processor is adapted to transfer the translated data file for the electronic document to the computer, and wherein the computer is adapted to transfer the translated data file for the electronic document to the mobile computing device when the mobile computing device is synchronized with the computer.